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40 1. Description of cohorts

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42 1.1. The Environmental Risk (E-Risk) Longitudinal Twin Study

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44 The E-Risk Study tracks the development of a birth cohort of 2,232 British participants.
45 The sample was drawn from a larger birth register of twins born in England and Wales in 1994-
46 1995¹. Full details about the sample are reported elsewhere.² Briefly, the E-Risk sample was
47 constructed in 1999-2000, when 1,116 families (93% of those eligible) with same-sex 5-year-old
48 twins participated in home-visit assessments. This sample comprised 56% monozygotic (MZ)
49 and 44% dizygotic (DZ) twin pairs; sex was evenly distributed within zygosity (49% male).
50 Families were recruited to represent the UK population of families with newborns in the 1990s,
51 on the basis of residential location throughout England and Wales and mother's age. Teenaged
52 mothers with twins were over-selected to replace high-risk families who were selectively lost to
53 the register through non-response. Older mothers having twins via assisted reproduction were
54 under-selected to avoid an excess of well-educated older mothers. The study sample represents
55 the full range of socioeconomic conditions in the UK, as reflected in the families' distribution on
56 a neighbourhood-level socioeconomic index (ACORN [A Classification of Residential
57 Neighbourhoods], developed by CACI Inc. for commercial use);³ 25.6% of E-Risk families lived
58 in "wealthy achiever" neighbourhoods compared to 25.3% nationwide; 5.3% vs. 11.6% lived in
59 "urban prosperity" neighbourhoods; 29.6% vs. 26.9% lived in "comfortably off"
60 neighbourhoods; 13.4% vs. 13.9% lived in "moderate means" neighbourhoods, and 26.1% vs.
61 20.7% lived in "hard-pressed" neighbourhoods. E-Risk underrepresents "urban prosperity"
62 neighbourhoods because such households are likely to be childless.

63 Home-visits assessments took place when participants were aged 5, 7, 10, 12 and, most
64 recently, 18 years, when 93% of the participants took part. At ages 5, 7, 10, and 12 years,
65 assessments were carried out with participants as well as their mothers (or primary caretakers);
66 the home visit at age 18 included interviews only with participants. Each twin was assessed by a
67 different interviewer. These data are supplemented by searches of official records and by
68 questionnaires that are mailed, as developmentally appropriate, to teachers, and co-informants
69 nominated by participants themselves. The Joint South London and Maudsley and the Institute of
70 Psychiatry Research Ethics Committee approved each phase of the study. Parents gave informed
71 consent and twins gave assent between 5-12 years and then informed consent at age 18.

72 For our analyses the sample was restricted to participants of European-descent who had
73 polygenic score data (n=880 mothers). This sample size reduces for individual analyses due to
74 missing data; the n for each analysis is reported in the measures description below and in the
75 respective Tables/Figures. Similarly, not all genotyped mothers also had genotyped children;
76 thus, for our analyses including children's polygenic score, the sample size reduces to n= 860
77 genotyped mother-child dyads.

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79 1.2. The Dunedin Study

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81 Dunedin participants were members of the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and
82 Development Study, a longitudinal investigation of health and behaviour in a birth cohort.
83 Dunedin participants (N 1,037; 91% of eligible births; 52% male) were all individuals born
84 between April 1972 and March 1973 in Dunedin, New Zealand, who were eligible on the basis
85 of residence in the province and who participated in the first assessment at age 3. Full details
86 about the sample are reported elsewhere.⁴ The cohort represented the full range of
87 socioeconomic status (SES) in the general population of New Zealand's South Island. On adult
88 health, the cohort matches the New Zealand National Health and Nutrition Surveys on key health
89 indicators (e.g., body mass index, smoking, visits to the doctor). Assessments with Dunedin
90 participants were carried out at birth and ages 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 21, 26, 32, 38, and, most
91 recently, 45 years. All but one of the assessments have enjoyed participation rates well above
92 90%.⁴ The study was approved by the New Zealand Southern Health and Disability Ethics
93 Committee and the Duke Campus Institutional Review Board. Written informed consent was
94 obtained from all participants.

95 In 1994, when Dunedin participants were between 21 and 22 years old, a study of their
96 parenting behaviour was initiated (the Parenting Study).⁵ By 2017, when Dunedin participants
97 were 44 – 45 years old, N 702 had participated in the parenting study, of N 738 cohort members
98 eligible for participation based on their having a 3-year-old child (participation rate: 95%). For
99 the majority of participants, the child they participated in the study with was their first-born
100 (91%) biological child (97%). Dunedin study participant-parents and their children were visited
101 in their home by an interviewer who conducted systematic observations of the home
102 environment and who videotaped the parent interacting with his or her child. Children were
103 observed when they were on average 3.3 years old, with 59% seen within 2 months of their third
104 birthday (SD 0.5 years; range 2.1– 6.8 years). On average, parents were 33 years old at the time
105 of the assessment (SD 5.7 years; range 21.5– 44.7 years). All dyad pairs (i.e., mother/son,
106 mother/daughter, father/son, father/daughter) were equally represented.

107 For our analyses the sample was restricted to participants of European-descent who had
108 polygenic score data (n=654; n=338 mothers and n=316 fathers). This sample size reduces for
109 individual analyses due to missing data; the n for each analysis is reported in the measures'
110 description below and in the respective Tables/Figures.

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112 1.3. The Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) Study

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114 The Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) is an ongoing longitudinal
115 birth cohort study which started in the early 1990s. Recruitment and retention over time is
116 described in detail elsewhere.^{6,7} Briefly, all pregnant women living in Bristol, UK, and
117 surrounding areas, with an expected delivery date between April 1, 1991 and Dec 31, 1992 were

118 eligible for inclusion. Of 14 541 pregnancies, 13 988 children were alive at 12 months. About
119 85% of eligible expectant mothers participated. When the oldest children were approximately 7
120 years of age, an attempt was made to bolster the initial sample with eligible cases who had failed
121 to join the study originally, resulting in an additional 913 children being enrolled. Data collection
122 was by postal questionnaires and regular ‘focus’ clinics, as previously described.^{6,7} This study
123 uses data collected up to age 16. Detailed information about ALSPAC is available online
124 www.bris.ac.uk/alspac. The study website contains details of all the data that are available
125 through a fully searchable data dictionary and variable search tool
126 (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/our-data/>). Ethical approval for the study was
127 obtained from the ALSPAC Law and Ethics Committee and the Local Research Ethics
128 Committees. Informed consent for the use of data collected via questionnaires and clinics was
129 obtained from participants following the recommendations of the ALSPAC Ethics and Law
130 Committee at the time. Consent for biological samples has been collected in accordance with the
131 Human Tissue Act (2004). Each study was required to submit a research proposal to be approved
132 by the executive committee before gaining access to the ALSPAC data. The overall aims of the
133 study were included in this proposal.

134 For our analyses the sample was restricted to participants of European-descent who had
135 polygenic score data (n=7,588 mothers). This sample size reduces for individual analyses due to
136 missing data; the n for each analysis is reported in the measures description below and in the
137 respective Tables/Figures. Similarly, not all genotyped mothers also had genotyped children;
138 thus, for our analyses including children’s polygenic score, the sample size reduces to n= 4,996
139 genotyped mother-child dyads.

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141 1.4. The UK Millennium Cohort Study (MCS)

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143 The MCS is an ongoing UK longitudinal birth cohort study that was set up to follow the
144 lives of children born at the turn of the new century⁸. Recruitment and retention over time is
145 described in detail elsewhere.⁹ Briefly, children born between September 2000 and January 2002
146 across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, alive and living in the UK at age 9
147 months were eligible for inclusion. Eligible children were identified using government child
148 benefit records, a benefit with almost universal coverage. The sample contained 18 552 families
149 (18 827 children) at baseline. The first sweep of data was collected when cohort members were
150 around 9 months old and subsequent sweeps of data were collected at ages 3, 5, 7, 11, 14 and 17
151 years. At the age-14 assessment, saliva samples were collected for genotyping, from cohort
152 members along with their biological mother and father if resident in the household and available.
153 Parents provided written informed consent for all components of MCS. At the age 14 and 17
154 follow-ups, children also provided informed consent. The study website contains details of all
155 the data that are available (<https://cls.ucl.ac.uk/cls-studies/millennium-cohort-study/>).

156 For our analyses the sample was restricted to participants of European-descent who had
157 polygenic score data (n=6,700 mothers and n=3,613 fathers). This sample size reduces for
158 individual analyses due to missing data; the n for each analysis is reported in the measures’

159 description below and in the respective Tables/Figures. Similarly, not all genotyped
160 mothers/fathers also had genotyped children; thus, for our analyses including children's
161 polygenic score, the sample size reduces to n= 5,421 genotyped mother-child dyads, n=2,903
162 genotyped father-child dyads and n=2,503 genotyped trios.

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164 1.5. The Health and Retirement Study (HRS)

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166 The HRS is a longitudinal survey of a representative sample of Americans aged >50 and
167 their spouses, initiated in 1992 to study health and retirement among older people in the US.¹⁰
168 HRS is administered biennially and includes over 26,000 persons in 17,000 households. During
169 each wave of the survey, participants are asked about their economic well-being, health, social
170 lives, and other factors relevant to aging and retirement
171 (<http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/index.php>). The present study used data up to and including the
172 2016 survey. HRS was approved by the University of Michigan institutional review board and
173 informed consent was obtained from each respondent.

174 For our analyses the sample was restricted to participants of European-descent who had
175 polygenic score data (n= 8,652; n=5,052 female, n=3,600 male). This sample size reduces for
176 individual analyses due to missing data; the n for each analysis is reported in the measures'
177 description below and in the respective Tables/Figures.

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179 1.6. The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS)

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181 The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) is based on a 1/3 random sample of all
182 Wisconsin high school graduates in 1957 ($N = 10,317$) born between 1938 and 1940¹¹ and one of
183 their randomly selected siblings ($N=8,734$). Waves of data collection from graduates (i.e., the
184 primary respondents) or parents of graduates were conducted in 1957, 1964, 1975, 1992, 2003,
185 and 2011 and from a sibling in 1977, 1993, 2004, and 2011. Ethical approval for analysis of the
186 WLS genetic data was provided by the University of Cincinnati's Institutional Review Board.

187 For our analyses the sample was restricted to participants of European-descent who had
188 polygenic score data (n=8,479; n=4403 female; n=4076 male). This sample size reduces for
189 individual analyses due to missing data; the n for each analysis is reported in the measures'
190 description below and in the respective Tables/Figures.

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193 **2. Genotyping**

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195 2.1. The E-Risk cohort

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197 Genotyping of E-Risk cohort members and their mothers was performed using Illumina
198 HumanOmni Express 24 BeadChip arrays (Versions 1.1 and 1.2 respectively; Illumina,

199 Hayward, CA). We imputed additional SNPs using the IMPUTE2 software (Version 2.3.1,
200 https://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/impute/impute_v2.html; Howie, Donnelly, & Marchini, 2009) and
201 the 1000 Genomes Phase 3 reference panel¹³. Imputation was conducted on SNPs appearing in
202 dbSNP (Version 140; <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/>; Sherry et al., 2001) that were called in
203 more than 98% of the samples. Invariant SNPs were excluded. The E-Risk cohort contains
204 monozygotic twins, who are genetically identical; we therefore empirically measured genotypes
205 of one randomly-selected twin per pair and assigned these data to their monozygotic co-twin.
206 Prephasing and imputation were conducted using a 50-million-base-pair sliding window. The
207 resulting genotype databases included genotyped SNPs and SNPs imputed with 90% probability
208 of a specific genotype among European-descent members of the E-Risk cohort. We analysed
209 SNPs in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium ($p > .01$).

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211 2.2. The Dunedin cohort

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213 Genotyping of Dunedin cohort participant-parents was performed using Illumina
214 HumanOmni Express 12 BeadChip arrays (Version 1.1; Illumina, Hayward, CA). We imputed
215 additional SNPs using the IMPUTE2 software (Version 2.3.1, Howie et al., 2009) and the 1000
216 Genomes Phase 3 reference panel¹³. Imputation was conducted on SNPs appearing in dbSNP
217 (Version 140; <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/>; Sherry et al., 2001) that were called in more
218 than 98% of the samples. Invariant SNPs were excluded. Prephasing and imputation were
219 conducted using a 50-million base-pair sliding window. The resulting genotype databases
220 included genotyped SNPs and SNPs imputed with 90% probability of a specific genotype among
221 European-descent members of the Dunedin cohort. We analysed SNPs in Hardy-Weinberg
222 equilibrium ($p > .01$).

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224 2.3. The ALSPAC cohort

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226 Genotyping of ALSPAC cohort members was performed using the Illumina
227 HumanHap550 quad chip genotyping platforms by 23andme subcontracting the Wellcome Trust
228 Sanger Institute, Cambridge, UK and the Laboratory Corporation of America, Burlington, NC,
229 US. ALSPAC mothers were genotyped using Illumina human660w quad array at the Centre
230 National de Genotypage (CNG) and genotypes were called with Illumina GenomeStudio. Quality
231 control filtering was done using the PLINK (v1.07) software. SNPs with a minor allele frequency
232 of $< 1\%$, call rate $< 95\%$ and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) $P < 5E-7$ were removed. Both
233 offspring and maternal genotype data have been jointly imputed to the 1000 genomes reference
234 panel (version 1, Phase 3, Dec 2013 Release). All individuals with non-European ancestry were
235 removed.

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237 2.4. The MCS cohort

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239 Genotyping of MCS cohort members and their biological parents was performed using
240 Illumina Infinium global screening arrays-24 v1.0 in the Illumina Array Facility, University of
241 Bristol. Genotypes were called with Illumina Genome Studio v2.0.4. Quality control was done
242 using QCtools_v2.0.1 (<https://www.well.ox.ac.uk/~gav/qctool/>) and PLINK, using standard
243 procedures described in detail elsewhere¹⁵. SNPs with a minor allele frequency of < 1%, call
244 rate < 95% and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium $P < 2.5E-8$ were removed. Imputation was done
245 using the Michigan Imputation Server (MIS; imputationserver.sph.umich.edu). Prepared data
246 was submitted to the MIS, phased with Eagle.v2.4 (Loh et al., 2016) and imputed to Haplotype
247 Reference Consortium release 1.1 (HRC r1.1; <http://www.haplotypereference-consortium.org>)
248 (McCarthy et al., 2016).

249 2.5. The HRS cohort

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252 Genotyping of HRS cohort members was performed using the Illumina HumanOmni2.5
253 BeadChips (HumanOmni2.5-4v1, HumanOmni2.5-8v1), at the Center for Inherited Disease
254 Research (CIDR) at Johns Hopkins University. Individuals with missing call rates >2%, SNPs
255 with call rates < 0.0001, chromosomal anomalies, and first degree relatives in the HRS were
256 removed. Imputation was performed by the University of Washington Genetics Analysis Center
257 (GAC) to the 1000 Genomes Project cosmopolitan reference panel phase 3 version 5 (initial
258 release on May 2013, haplotypes released Oct 2014), using IMPUTE2.¹²

259 260 261 2.6. The WLS cohort

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263 Genotyping of WLS cohort members was performed using the Illumina
264 HumanOmniExpress array, at the Center for Inherited Disease Research (CIDR) at Johns
265 Hopkins University and using the calling algorithm GenomeStudio version 2011.1, Genotyping
266 Module version 1.9.4, GenTrain Version 1.0. Imputation was performed by the University of
267 Washington Genetics Analysis Center (GAC), after quality control using the GAC's standardized
268 QC procedures,¹⁶ against the Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC) v1.1 European reference
269 panel¹⁷ using IMPUTE2.¹²

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273 **3. Polygenic scoring**

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275 We computed polygenic scores based on the most recent Social Science Genetic
276 Association Consortium (SSGAC) GWAS of educational attainment¹⁸
277 (<https://www.thessgac.org/data>). In the E-Risk, Dunedin, ALSPAC and MCS cohorts, polygenic
278 scores were calculated following the method described by Dudbridge¹⁹ using the PRsice software
279 [v1.22, <http://prsice.info/>; Euesden, Lewis, & O'Reilly, 2015)]. Briefly, SNPs reported in the
280 GWAS¹⁸ were matched with SNPs in each cohort, regardless of nominal significance for their
281 association with educational attainment. We performed clumping by retaining the SNP with the
282 smallest p value from each linkage disequilibrium block (excluding SNPs with $r^2 > .1$ in 500-kb
283 windows), then weighted SNPs by effect estimate, and then summed weighted counts across all
284 genotypes to calculate each participant's polygenic score.

285 In the HRS and WLS cohorts polygenic scores were computed by the SSGAC using the
286 LD Pred software.²¹ Because HRS and WLS data were included in the GWAS of educational
287 attainment, polygenic scores for these datasets were constructed using summary statistics after
288 the target dataset was excluded. In the current analysis, we rely on the polygenic score
289 constructed using the multi-trait analysis of genome-wide summary statistics (MTAG; Turley et
290 al., 2018) because it has been shown to improve the predictive power of polygenic scores.

291 Polygenic scoring in each cohort was restricted to individuals of European-ancestry. To
292 account for potential population stratification, polygenic scores were residualised on the first ten
293 principal components computed from the genome-wide data in each cohort.²³ Residualised
294 polygenic scores were normally distributed and standardized to $M=0$, $SD=1$ in each cohort.

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296 **4. Description of measures**

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298 4.1. Prenatal period

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300 *Cigarette smoking.* In E-Risk, mothers' smoking was assessed retrospectively, 1 year
301 after birth, by asking whether mothers had smoked any cigarettes during the pregnancy (27.3%,
302 total n=846). In ALSPAC, mothers' smoking was assessed prospectively, at 18 and 32 weeks of
303 gestation, by asking whether mothers had smoked in the last two weeks (at 18 weeks gestation)
304 or were currently smoking (at 32 weeks gestation). We combined data from both time points,
305 replacing missing data at one time point with valid data from the other if available, to construct a
306 measure of whether mothers reported smoking during pregnancy (19.7%; total n=7,190). In
307 MCS, mothers' smoking was assessed retrospectively, at 9 months, by asking mothers about
308 their history of smoking and about changes in smoking during pregnancy. We combined these
309 questions following previous publications²⁴ to create a measure of whether mothers had reported
310 smoking during pregnancy (21.0%, total n=6,690).

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312 *Heavy alcohol drinking.* In ALSPAC, mothers' heavy drinking was assessed
313 prospectively, at 18 and 32 weeks of gestation, by asking mothers how many days in the past
314 month they had been drinking the equivalent of 4 units of alcohol (e.g. 2 pints of beer, 4 glasses
315 of wine or 4 pub measures of spirit). We combined the response options ranging from
316 "everyday" to "1-2 days" versus the response option "None". We combined data from both time
317 points, replacing missing data at one time point with valid data from the other if available, to
318 classify women as heavy drinkers (21.9%, total n=7,144). In MCS, mothers' heavy drinking was
319 assessed retrospectively, at 9 months, by asking mothers whether they drank alcohol during
320 pregnancy. Mothers who reported drinking regularly (between daily and once or twice a week
321 when pregnant) were asked how many units of alcohol they drank per week on average. We
322 divided the reported units of drinking by the reported weekly frequency of drinking to obtain an
323 approximate measure of units consumed on days they drank (e.g., if a mother reported drinking
324 every day, and reported drinking 20 units per week on average, it would be $20/7=2.86$ units per
325 day). Mothers who reported drinking rarely (1-2 times per month to less than once per month)
326 were asked how many units of alcohol they drank on days they drank. We combined these two
327 measures and categorized everyone who reported drinking 4 or more units on days they drank as
328 heavy drinkers (2.7%, total n= 6,695).

329 330 4.2. Infancy

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332 *Breastfeeding.* In E-Risk, breastfeeding was assessed when the children were 2 years old
333 by asking whether mothers had ever breastfed (48.1%; total n=855; note that E-Risk is a twin
334 sample, so breastfeeding rates would be expected to be lower than in singletons). In ALSPAC,
335 breastfeeding was assessed when children were 4 weeks, 6 months and 15 months old, by asking
336 mothers about their breastfeeding. We constructed a summary measure, replacing missing data at
337 one time point with valid data from the other if available, indicating whether mothers had
338 reported ever breastfeeding (75.6%; n=total n=7,025). In MCS, breastfeeding was assessed when
339 the children were 9 months old by asking whether mothers had ever breastfed (73%, total n=
340 6,222).

341 342 4.3. Childhood

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344 *Cognitive stimulation.* In E-Risk, cognitive stimulation was measured when children were aged
345 5, 7, 10, and 12 years, as previously described.²⁵ Briefly, at age 5, mothers responded to 12 items
346 asking about activities with their twins (example items: "Have you and the twins visited a
347 museum?"). The internal consistency reliability was $\alpha = .59$. At ages 7, 10 and 12, study
348 interviewers provided observations of each family's home using six items adapted from the
349 Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment (HOME; Bradley, Caldwell, Rock,
350 Hamrick, & Harris, 1988; Caldwell & Bradley, 1984) (example item: "Do the children have
351 books?"). Internal consistency reliabilities ranged from $\alpha = .70$ to $\alpha = .81$ across ages (mean $\alpha =$

352 .75) Measures were standardized within age, then averaged across age (total n=879). In Dunedin,
353 cognitive stimulation was assessed using video-observations and home-observations as
354 previously described^{5,28}. Briefly, during the home visit, each parent– child dyad was videotaped
355 in three, increasingly demanding, semi-structured situations, each lasting 10 min. Each situation
356 was rated by trained coders using a set of 7-point scales developed for the NICHD Study of
357 Early Child Care (NICHD Early Child Care Research Network, 1999). Interrater agreement
358 ranged from .77 to .96. Following the home visit, interviewers rated each family on the HOME²⁷
359 including on items capturing the availability of learning materials and attempts by parents to
360 teach skills (example item: “Child has three or more books of his or her own”). To construct a
361 summary variable of cognitive stimulation that combines video-and home observations we
362 standardized each measure and averaged them (total n=643). In ALSPAC, cognitive stimulation
363 was assessed using three items that mothers were asked repeatedly (seven times each) between
364 child age 6 months and 7 years: how often the child was taken out to the library, how often the
365 mother read to the child, and the number of books the children owned. We constructed cross-age
366 measures for each question, by standardizing within age and averaging across age (i.e. average
367 visits to library across ages; average reading to the child across ages; average number of books
368 owned by child across ages). We then standardized each cross-age measure and averaged them to
369 create an overall summary variable of cognitive stimulation (total n=6,180). In MCS, cognitive
370 stimulation was assessed at ages 5 and 7. At both ages, parents were asked about their reading
371 with the child (“How often do you read to <child>”) and visits to the library (“Over the past 12
372 months, how often has <child> been to the library?”). We constructed cross-age measures for
373 each question by averaging across age. We standardized each cross-age measure and averaged
374 them to create an overall summary variable of cognitive stimulation (total n=6,077).

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376 *Warm, sensitive parenting.* In E-Risk, warm, sensitive parenting was assessed when children
377 were aged 5, 7, and 10 years as previously described.²⁵ Briefly, at ages 5 and 10, maternal
378 warmth and dissatisfaction were each assessed using a 5 min speech sample from mothers.^{30,31}
379 Interrater agreement was $r=.90$ for maternal warmth and $r=.84$ for dissatisfaction. At ages 7 and
380 10, positive and negative parenting was assessed through study interviewer observations of
381 parent–child interactions during the study visit using items adapted from the HOME^{26,27} and the
382 Dyadic Parent–Child Interactive Coding System–Revised^{32,33} (example items: “Is the parent
383 affectionate to the child?”; “Is the parenting of the child overly strict?”). Internal consistency
384 reliabilities ranged from $\alpha = .72$ to $\alpha = .82$ (mean $\alpha = .82$ for positive parenting, and $\alpha = .75$ for
385 negative parenting). Measures were standardized and averaged within age, then re-standardized
386 and averaged across age (n=880). In Dunedin, warm, sensitive parenting was assessed as
387 previously described,^{5,28} using video-observations and home-observations as described for the
388 measure of cognitive stimulation. Warm, sensitive parenting reflects parental expressions of
389 warmth, affection and sensitivity toward their child (example items: “Parent’s voice conveys
390 positive feelings towards child”; “Parent does not express overt annoyance with or hostility to
391 child”). We standardized each measure and averaged them to construct a summary variable of

392 cognitive stimulation that combines video-and home observations (n=640). In ALSPAC, warm,
393 sensitive parenting was assessed when children were 4, 7 and 10 years old, as previously
394 described³⁴. Briefly, at ages 4 and 7 mothers responded to 8 statements capturing positivity
395 about the child (example item: “I really love this child”) and negativity (“I often get very irritated
396 with this child”). Because the scores for positivity are heavily skewed, previous publications
397 have used only the negativity scales;³⁴ we followed this same approach. Internal consistency
398 reliabilities were $\alpha=.63$ at age 4 and $\alpha=.71$ at age 7. At age 10, children responded to 8 questions
399 about their relationship with their parents (example item: “My parents like me”). Because of the
400 highly skewed distributions of these items, we recoded them into binary items, combining
401 response options 1 (not true); 2 (mostly untrue) and 3 (partly true) versus 4 (mostly true) and 5
402 (true). We then averaged across items to create a summary score. Internal-consistency reliability
403 was $\alpha=.71$. We standardized each of these measures within age and then averaged across ages to
404 construct a cross-age summary measure of warmth and sensitivity (n=6,324). In MCS, warm,
405 sensitive parenting was assessed at ages 3, 7 and 11. At age 3, study interviewers rated parent–
406 child interactions during the study visit using binary items adapted from the HOME^{26,27} (example
407 items: “Mother's voice is positive when speaking to <child>”). We averaged across items.
408 Because the resulting measure was so skewed in this sample, we recoded it to be binary, so that
409 participants who had scored positively in each item received a 1, and participants who had scored
410 anything less received a 0. At age 3, parents also responded to 15 items from the Child-Parent
411 Relationship Scale (CPRS; Driscoll & Pianta, 2011; example items: “I share an affectionate,
412 warm relationship with <child>”; “<Child> and I always seem to be struggling with each other”).
413 Previous analyses by the MCS team³⁵ report internal consistency reliabilities of $\alpha=.83$ for the
414 conflict subscale and $\alpha=.72$ for the closeness subscale. We used a previously-constructed
415 measure, supplied by MCS, for our analyses. We constructed an age-3 summary measure by
416 standardizing the HOME and CPRS measures and averaging across measures. At age 7 and 11,
417 parents responded to 5 items (at age 7) and 2 items (age 11) asking about the relationship with
418 their child (example item: “I have frequent battles of will with <child>”). At each age, we
419 averaged across items to create summary measures. We then standardized each measure within
420 age and averaged across ages to construct an overall summary measure (total n= 6,553).

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422 *Household chaos.* In E-Risk, household chaos was assessed when children were aged 7,
423 10, and 12 years as previously described²⁵. Briefly, at ages 7, 10, and 12, household chaos was
424 assessed through study interviewers’ observations of family’s homes using three items adapted
425 from the HOME (Bradley et al., 1988; Caldwell & Bradley, 1984; example item: “Is the house
426 chaotic or overly noisy?”). Internal consistency reliabilities ranged from $\alpha = .53$ to $\alpha = .58$ across
427 ages (mean $\alpha = .56$). At age 12, household chaos was assessed through reports from mothers and
428 children using 12 items adapted from the Confusion, Hubbub, and Order Scale (CHAOS;
429 Matheny, Wachs, Ludwig, & Phillips, 1995), the Family Routines Inventory³⁷ and the Family
430 Ritual Questionnaire³⁸ following previous research (Evans, Gonnella, Marcynyszyn, Gentile, &
431 Salpekar, 2005; example items: “You can hardly hear yourself think in our home”; “We are

432 always losing things at home”). Internal consistency reliabilities were $\alpha = .76$ for mother’s report
433 and $\alpha = .78$ for children’s report. Measures were standardized and averaged within age, then re-
434 standardized and averaged across age (n=878). In ALSPAC, household chaos was assessed
435 between 18 months and 10 years using items that asked about routines, noise and crowding in the
436 home. At 18 months, 2.5 years, 5 years, 6 years, 7 and 9 years mothers responded to 1 item about
437 whether their child had a regular sleep routine. We constructed a summary measure by averaging
438 across ages. At 10 years, mothers responded to three questions asking about the noise level in
439 their home (example item: “It is often so noisy at home it is difficult to hold a conversation”). At
440 age 2 and 2.5 years, we used a previously-constructed household crowding that was based on
441 maternal reports of the number of persons living in the home⁴⁰. To construct a summary
442 measure, we standardized each individual measure, then averaged across measures (n=6,210). In
443 MCS, household chaos was assessed when children were 3, 5, 7 and 11 years old. At each age,
444 mothers responded to 1-2 items about whether children had set routines (example item: “Child
445 has regular bedtimes”). We constructed a summary measure by averaging across ages. At age 3
446 and 11, mothers additionally responded to items about the atmosphere at home (example item:
447 “You can hardly hear yourself think in our home”). We constructed a summary measure by
448 averaging across ages. We then standardized these individual measure and averaged across
449 measures to construct an overall summary measure (total n=6,615).

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451 *Health-parenting (parents’ promotion of a healthy lifestyle for their children).* In E-Risk,
452 health-parenting was assessed at the age-10 home visit as previously described,⁴¹ using mother’s
453 responses to items about children’s health-related behaviours, including questions about how
454 much time children spent watching TV; their diet; and their tooth-brushing (example items:
455 “How many hours of television do the twins watch on an average day?”). We averaged across
456 items to create a summary measure (n=877). In ALSPAC, health-parenting was assessed
457 between 15 months and 13 years, using three sets of items that were repeatedly asked across ages
458 (six times each), asking about how much time children spent watching TV; their diet; and their
459 tooth-brushing. For TV watching, mothers responded to a question about how many hours their
460 child spent watching TV on weekdays and weekends; we combined answers to both questions.
461 For tooth brushing, mothers responded to a question about the frequency that their child brushed
462 teeth; we categorized responses into “once or less than once per day” and “more than once per
463 day”. For diet, mothers responded to questions about how often their child ate a range of foods.
464 These variables have previously been factor-analysed to derive dietary patterns, including
465 ‘processed’ and ‘health conscious’ diets.⁴² To construct a summary measure of health-parenting,
466 we averaged each set of items (i.e. TV watching; tooth brushing; processed diet; health-
467 conscious diet) across ages, standardized the cross-age measures, and then averaged across these
468 measures (n=5,649). In MCS, health-parenting was assessed at ages 3, 5, 7 and 11. At each age,
469 mothers responded to an item asking how many hours children spent watching TV per day. We
470 averaged these items across ages. At ages 5, 7 and 11, mothers additionally responded to items
471 asking about children’s diet, such as how many portions of fruit the child ate per day. We

472 averaged these items across ages. We then standardized these individual measures and averaged
473 across measures to construct an overall summary measure (n=6,437).

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475 *School support.* In ALSPAC, parents' school support (engagement with schooling and
476 ambitions for children's education) was assessed between child ages 7 and 12 years, using
477 mother and teacher reports. Mothers were asked at three ages (7, 10 and 11 years) about their
478 help with schoolwork (variations of the item "Mum helps child prepare for school"). Mothers
479 were also asked (at 10, 11, and 12 years) about their hopes for their child's schooling (variations
480 of the item "What sort of education do you hope your child will have?" with response options
481 ranging from "the minimum – and leave school as soon as possible" to "to go to University").
482 Teachers were asked at two ages (7-8 years and 10-11 years) how supportive the teacher thought
483 the parents are towards the child's learning and how involved the parents were in the child's
484 schooling (example items: "Child's parents have attended teacher parent session"; "Childs
485 parents have been involved in other school activities"). We constructed cross-age measures by
486 averaging across ages, then standardized each measure and averaging across measures to create
487 an overall summary measure (n= 6,603). In MCS, parents' school support was assessed at ages 7
488 and 11, using mother, child and teacher reports. At both ages, mothers responded to questions
489 about their hopes for their child's schooling (example item: "What would you like <child> to do
490 at the age of 16?"). At both ages, mothers were also asked about their involvement with
491 schooling (example item: "During this school year has anyone at home been to a parents' evening
492 or similar event at school?"). At age 11, mothers were asked about their help with schoolwork
493 (example item: "How often does anyone at home make sure [child's] homework is complete?").
494 At age 11, teachers and children were asked how interested parents were in children's education
495 (example item: "How often do your parents take an interest in your school work?"). We
496 constructed cross-age measures by averaging across ages, then standardized each measure and
497 averaging across measures to create an overall summary measure (n= 6,587).

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499 4.4. Adolescence

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501 *Parental monitoring (rule-setting and knowledge of children's activities and*
502 *whereabouts).* In E-Risk, parental monitoring was assessed at age 12 as previously described.⁴³
503 Briefly, at age 12 mothers and children each responded to ten items adapted from the Monitoring
504 and Supervision Questionnaire⁴⁴ (example items "Do you know where <name> goes during
505 his/her free time?"; "Does <name> need to have your permission to leave home (or go
506 somewhere with friends)?"). Internal consistency reliabilities were $\alpha = .66$ for mothers' reports
507 and $\alpha = .71$ for children's reports. We constructed a summary measure by standardizing within
508 informant and averaging across informants (n=866). In ALSPAC, parental monitoring was
509 measured at child ages 13 and 14 (children's reports) and at child age 17 (mothers' reports). At
510 child ages 13 and 14 parental monitoring was assessed using a computer-assisted survey
511 completed by the young person when they attended a research clinic. Young people responded to

512 24 items (at age 13) and 10 items (at age 14) asking about parents' knowledge and monitoring⁴⁴
513 (example item: "How often do your carers / parents know what you do during your free time?";
514 "How often do you have to have your carers / parents' permission before you go out on
515 weeknights?"). Internal-consistency reliability was $\alpha = .89$ at age 13 and $\alpha = .84$ at age 14. We
516 averaged across items at each age. At age 17, mothers responded to 10 items asking about
517 parental knowledge and monitoring⁴⁴ (example item: "When <child> went out during the last
518 year, how often did you know what child was doing in their spare time?"; "During the past year,
519 how often have you started a conversation with <child> about what they were doing in their
520 spare time?"). Internal-consistency reliability was $\alpha=.80$. We averaged across items. To construct
521 a summary measure of parental monitoring across ages, we standardized each measure within
522 age and then averaged across ages (n=4,092). In MCS, parental monitoring was assessed at 14.
523 At age 14, adolescents and mothers each responded to 3 questions about parental knowledge of
524 adolescents' activities and whereabouts (example item: "When child goes out how often do you
525 know where they are going?"). Internal consistency reliabilities were $\alpha=.76$ for mothers' reports,
526 and $\alpha=.81$ for children's reports. To construct a summary measure of parental monitoring, we
527 standardized each measure within informant and averaged across informants (total n=6,625).

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529 4.5. Adulthood

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531 *Financial help provided to offspring.* In HRS, financial help provided to offspring was
532 assessed by asking participants if they had given financial help totaling \$500 or more to any of
533 their children or grandchildren since last interview (1: Yes; 0: No) (n=8,403). In WLS, financial
534 help was assessed by asking participants if they or their spouse had given anyone a total of
535 \$1,000 or more in money, property or other assets (including money for a down payment on a
536 home, living expenses, to pay for education, medical care, or for other needs) since the last
537 interview (1: Yes; 0: No). Anyone who responded yes was asked a follow-up question, about
538 whether these gifts were given to respondents' children. All respondents who responded yes to
539 both questions received a 1 and 0 otherwise (n=8,082).

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541 *Support with childcare.* In HRS, support with childcare was assessed by asking
542 participants whether they had spent 100 hours or more taking care of grandchildren or great
543 grandchildren since the last interview (n=7,451). In WLS, support with childcare was assessed
544 by asking participants a series of four questions that began, "During the past month, did you help
545 your sons or daughters who are 19 or older with...". These questions concluded with different
546 types of support respondents might provide for their children, including "babysitting or
547 childcare". We coded everyone who responded 'yes' to babysitting or childcare as 1 and 0
548 otherwise (n=5,624).

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550 *Leaving an inheritance.* In HRS, the probability of leaving an inheritance was assessed
551 by asking HRS participants about the chance that they would leave an inheritance totaling

552 \$10,000 or more, with response options ranging from 0 (Absolutely no chance) to 100
553 (Absolutely certain) (n=8,626). In WLS, the intention of leaving an inheritance was assessed by
554 asking participants about who would get their assets, including home, savings, life insurance and
555 the like, if they were to die tomorrow, and then (if respondents reported having a spouse), who
556 would get their assets if they outlived their spouse. Responses were open-ended, thus allowing
557 respondents to designate anyone of any relation. We coded responses that included biological
558 sons or daughters as 1 and 0 otherwise. Many respondents (i.e., 41% in 2003-07 and 59% in
559 2011) replied with “spouse” to the first question, thus we relied on responses from the second
560 question. For respondents who reported not currently having a spouse, responses from the first
561 question were used. Thus, the interpretation of this variable is that it indicates the intention of
562 leaving an inheritance to *only* one’s children (i.e., as opposed to every other reported
563 combination of relations). Responses from both groups were combined, producing a single
564 dichotomous item (n=7,217).

565 566 **5. Statistical analyses**

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568 To analyse binary outcomes, we used Poisson regressions and report relative risks. To
569 present these analyses visually, we used marginsplots as implemented in Stata. Each margins
570 plot reports the predicted probabilities of the outcome at each level of the polygenic score. To
571 analyse continuous outcomes, we used linear regressions and report standardized regression
572 coefficients. To present these analyses visually, we used forest plots. Each forest plot reports a
573 meta-analysed estimate across cohorts, as obtained using a random-effects model. All
574 significance tests were two-tailed. Analyses of the ALSPAC, E-Risk, Dunedin, and MCS cohorts
575 were conducted using Stata version 17.0,⁴⁵ as well as Mplus version 8.2 for E-Risk;⁴⁶ analyses of
576 WLS and HRS were conducted using R. Because E-Risk is a twin sample, we used structural
577 equation models for dyads with indistinguishable members to take into account the unique
578 structure of the data.⁴⁷ Because the MCS cohort has a complex stratified and clustered design and
579 non-random dropout over the years, we used sampling weights that correct for design and
580 nonresponse, as well as adjustment for clustering, following instructions published by the MCS
581 Research Team.⁴⁸ Following these instructions, when analysing longitudinal data, we used the
582 weight for the last time point that was included in the construction of the outcome variable (e.g.
583 if data up to age 14 was included, we used the weight provided for age 14).

584 In models predicting childhood and adolescent parenting, we adjusted for child sex. In
585 models predicting parental investment to adult children, we also adjusted for parents’ age, net
586 worth (in WLS) or assets (in HRS), number of children, labour force status, and, for analyses
587 predicting help with childcare, physical proximity to offspring.

588 We dealt with missing data in the construction of measures using a “60%” rule:
589 participants needed to have valid data in at least 60% of time points across age, in order to be
590 included in a measure. For example, for constructing a cross-age measure of “visits to the
591 library” across 7 time points in ALSPAC, those with 3 or less missing data points were included.
592 For aggregating these individual measures, all available data were used. For example, for

593 constructing an aggregate measure of cognitive stimulation in ALSPAC, made up of cross-age
594 measures for visits to the library, reading with the child, and books the child owned, we included
595 participants with valid data in at least one of these three cross-age measures (participants with
596 missing data in all three measures were excluded).

597 We dealt with missing data in our analyses by including participants who had valid data
598 on all measures (constructed as described above). In ALSPAC, E-Risk, Dunedin and MCS we
599 conducted sensitivity analyses using Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) estimation
600 as implemented in Stata; this did not change the results. The exact n for each measure is reported
601 in the measures' description.

602 The premise and analysis plan for this project were pre-registered at
603 https://sites.duke.edu/moffittcaspi/projects/files/2021/07/Wertz_2019a.pdf. All analyses reported
604 here were checked for reproducibility by an independent data-analyst, who recreated the code by
605 working from the manuscript and applied it to a fresh dataset.

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608 **SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES**

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610 **Supplementary Figure 1.** Associations between maternal and child polygenic scores and
 611 childhood parenting in the ALSPAC, E-Risk and MCS cohorts.

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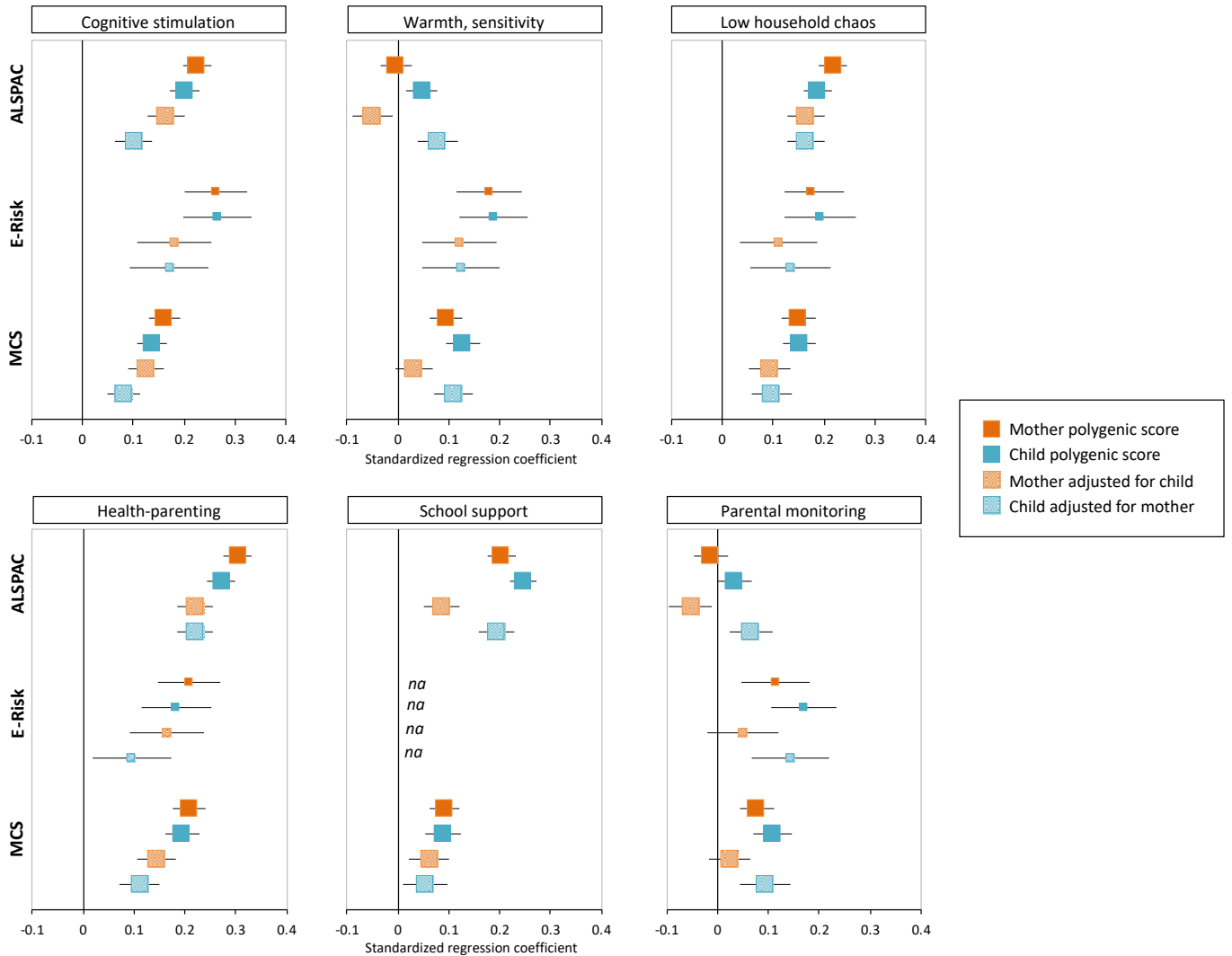
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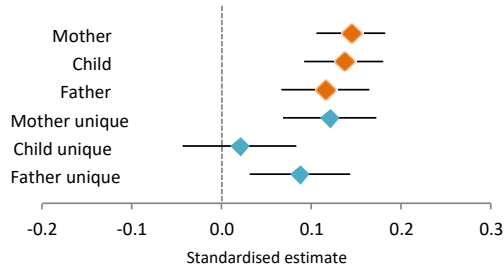
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Note: The Figure shows associations (expressed as standardized regression coefficients) between maternal and child education polygenic scores and measures of parenting during childhood (cognitive stimulation; warmth, sensitivity; low household chaos; health-parenting; school support) and adolescence (parental monitoring) in the ALSPAC, E-Risk, and MCS cohorts (the Dunedin cohort is not included because it does not contain measures of child genetics). Orange boxes indicate mother polygenic scores, before (darker orange) and after (patterned orange) adjusting for child polygenic score. Blue boxes indicate child polygenic scores, before (darker blue) and after (patterned blue) adjusting for mother polygenic score. Not all measures were available in each cohort (e.g. measures of school support were only available in the ALSPAC

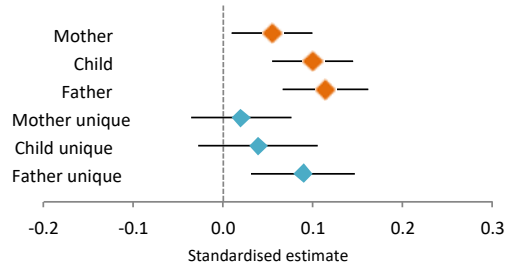
654 and MCS cohorts). The centre of the effect marker indicates the estimate of the association
655 between polygenic score and parenting, expressed as a standardized regression coefficient. The
656 error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals. The size of the effect size markers corresponds to
657 the sample size, so that larger sample sizes have larger markers. The number of participants
658 (mother-child dyads) included in the analysis were as follows: for cognitive simulation ALSPAC
659 n=4,342; E-Risk n=859; MCS n=5,093; for warmth, sensitivity ALSPAC n=3,926; E-Risk
660 n=860; MCS n=5,225; for low household chaos ALSPAC n=4,451; E-Risk n=858; MCS
661 n=5,117; for health-parenting ALSPAC n=4,093; E-Risk n=858; MCS n=5,124; for school
662 support ALSPAC n=4,586; MCS n=5,228; for parental monitoring ALSPAC n=3,343; E-Risk
663 n=847; MCS n=5,414. ALSPAC=Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children; E-
664 Risk=Environmental Risk Longitudinal Twin Study; MCS=Millennium Cohort Study.
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666 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Associations between mothers', father's and child polygenic scores in
 667 the MCS cohort.
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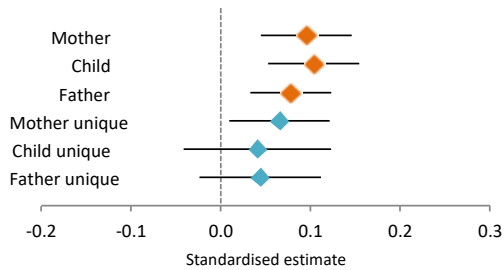
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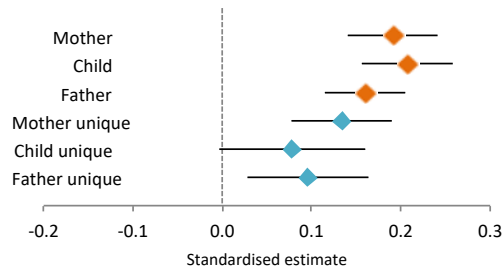
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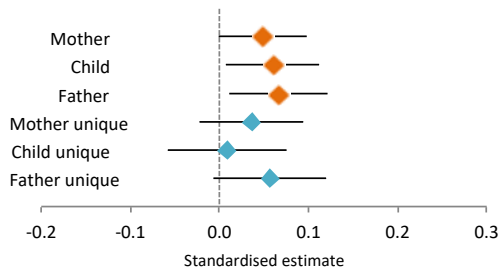
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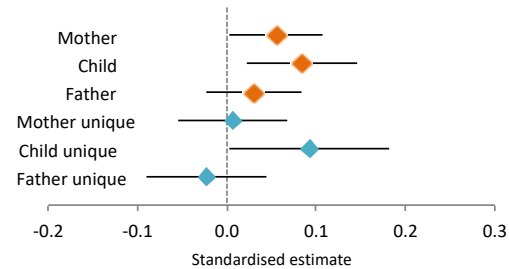
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School support



Parental monitoring



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671 *Note:* The figure shows standardised estimates of associations between mother, father and child
 672 education polygenic scores and parenting, during childhood and adolescence, both for mother,
 673 father and child polygenic scores individually (in orange) as well as the unique association for
 674 each score when in a model containing adjusting for the others (in blue). The centre of the effect
 675 marker indicates the estimate of the association between polygenic score and parenting,
 676 expressed as a standardized regression coefficient. The error bars indicate 95% confidence
 677 intervals. All analyses were done in the subset of MCS participants who had genetic data and
 678 parenting data (n=2,503; with slightly lower n's across parenting measures).
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680 **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES**

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682 **Supplementary Table 1.** Evidence from previous research for associations between parental investment and child outcomes and for
 683 associations between children’s genes and child outcomes.

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Evidence for associations between parental investment and child outcomes	
Developmental period	Description of evidence
Prenatal period	Many observational studies report associations between prenatal smoking and heavy drinking and various child outcomes, including physical health outcomes (such as birth weight, BMI, asthma), ^{49–51} behaviour ⁵² and cognition. ⁵³ Although most of these studies control for confounders, they may still suffer from residual confounding, including from genetic influences. Evidence from RCTs or natural experiments, including genetically-sensitive designs, suggests effects of prenatal smoking predominantly on birth weight. ^{54–56} Likewise, most of the evidence for links between prenatal heavy drinking and many adverse child outcomes comes from observational studies, ^{57,58} evidence from quasi-experimental studies suggests a potential causal role of prenatal alcohol exposure on cognitive outcomes, and weaker evidence for a role in low birthweight. ⁵⁹
Infancy	As with prenatal smoking and heavy drinking, most of the evidence linking breastfeeding to child outcomes comes from observational studies. These studies show associations with many child outcomes, particularly childhood physical health outcomes such as obesity ⁶⁰ and asthma, ⁶¹ and with child cognitive outcomes. ⁶² As with prenatal smoking and heavy drinking, a threat to the interpretation of these results is that observational studies may suffer from residual confounding. A review of evidence from different study designs, including experimental and quasi-experimental studies, suggests effects of breastfeeding on cognitive ability. ⁶³
Childhood	A wealth of observational evidence reports associations between various dimensions of parenting and child outcomes. We focused on dimensions of parenting that have been most commonly examined in these studies and that have been most consistently associated with a wide variety of outcomes; these parenting dimensions include cognitive stimulation, ^{64,65} warm-sensitive parenting, ^{66–68} household chaos, ^{69,70} health-parenting (i.e. parent efforts at instilling healthy habits in their children e.g. via limiting screen time or providing healthy foods), ^{71,72} and support with schooling. ⁷³ These observational studies suffer from the same limitations as explained above, particularly the risk of residual confounding. However, there is some evidence from experimental and quasi-experimental designs to suggest a potential causal impact of these parenting dimensions for child outcomes, including evidence for effects of cognitive stimulation on child language outcomes, ^{74,75} warm-sensitive parenting on externalising

	problems, ⁷⁶⁻⁷⁸ household-chaos on externalising problems, ⁷⁹ health-parenting on some child health outcomes, ^{80,81} and school support on academic achievement. ^{82,83}
Adolescence	One of the most well-researched aspects of parenting during adolescence is parental monitoring; numerous observational studies report associations between monitoring and offspring outcomes, particularly antisocial behaviour, ⁶⁷ substance use and risky sexual behaviour, ⁸⁴ and academic achievement. ⁶⁸ Evidence from (quasi-)experimental research is more sparse, but suggests that parenting interventions during adolescence can reduce adolescents' risky substance-use and sexual behaviour. ^{85,86}
Offspring adulthood	We focus on three common sources of intergenerational supports from parents to adult offspring: financial support, wealth inheritance, and childcare support. Perhaps unsurprisingly, previous research suggests that financial support and wealth inheritance increase offspring wealth, at least in the short term. ⁸⁷⁻⁸⁹ For the provision of childcare support to the children of adult offspring, there is evidence from survey studies suggesting that it affects the labor market participation of mothers, as well as parents' fertility decisions. ⁹⁰⁻⁹²
Evidence for associations between children's genes and child outcomes	
	Decades of evidence from twin and adoption studies show genetic influences on various offspring outcomes, including physical health, mental health, behavioural and educational outcomes. ⁹³ More recent evidence for genetic influences comes from genome-wide association studies (GWAS) that have identified associations between measured genetic variation and various outcomes. ⁹⁴ Findings from GWAS studies may suffer from several sources of confounding, such as indirect genetic effects, assortative mating or population stratification. ⁹⁵ However, evidence from analyses of siblings (which control for potent sources of confounding) suggest that even among siblings born to the same biological parents, genetic differences continue to be associated with outcomes (although the magnitude of effects tends to reduce). ⁹⁶

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690 **Supplementary Table 2.** Measurement of parental investment across cohorts.

	Child age at assessments	Informant	Format
Prenatal			
ALSPAC	18w, 32w	Mother	Questionnaire
E-Risk	2y	Mother	Questionnaire
MCS	9m	Mother	Questionnaire
Infancy			
ALSPAC	4wk, 6m, 1y	Mother	Questionnaire
E-Risk	2	Mother	Questionnaire
MCS	9m	Mother	Questionnaire
Childhood			
ALSPAC	1-12y	Mother	Questionnaire
E-Risk	5y,7y,10y,12y	Mother, Interviewer	Questionnaires HOME observations Speech sample
MCS	3y,5y,7y,11y	Mother, Father, Child, Teacher	Questionnaires
Dunedin	3y	Mother or Father, Interviewer	Video observations HOME observations
Adolescence			
ALSPAC	14y, 17y	Mother, Child	Questionnaire
E-Risk	12y	Mother, Child	Questionnaire
MCS	14y	Mother, Child	Questionnaire
Adulthood			
WLS cohort	na	Parent	Questionnaire
HRS cohort	na	Parent	Questionnaire

691 *Note:* ALSPAC = Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children; E-Risk = Environmental Risk Longitudinal Twin Study; MCS =
692 Millennium Cohort Study; HRS = Health and Retirement Study; WLS = Wisconsin Longitudinal Study

693 **Supplementary Table 3.** Associations between parental polygenic score and intergenerational supports to adult offspring across
 694 models with adjustment for different sets of variables.
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Health and Retirement Study (HRS)				
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Financial support	1.12 [1.10; 1.14]	1.12 [1.10; 1.14]	1.11 [1.09; 1.13]	1.10 [1.08; 1.12]
Help with childcare	1.03 [1.01; 1.06]	1.04 [1.02; 1.07]	1.05 [1.02; 1.07]	1.04 [1.01; 1.06]
	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)
Inheritance	0.12 [0.11; 0.14]	0.12 [0.11; 0.13]	0.12 [0.11; 0.13]	0.11 [0.10; 0.12]
Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS)				
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Financial support	1.06 [1.04; 1.09]	1.07 [1.04; 1.09]	1.07 [1.04; 1.10]	1.07 [1.04; 1.09]
Help with childcare	1.10 [1.05; 1.14]	1.11 [1.07; 1.15]	1.11 [1.07; 1.16]	1.11 [1.07; 1.15]
Inheritance	1.00 [0.98; 1.02]	1.00 [0.98; 1.02]	1.00 [0.98; 1.02]	1.00 [0.98; 1.02]

696 *Note:* RR=Relative Risk; β =Standardized regression coefficient; CI=Confidence interval.
 697 Model 1: Adjusted for wave/year, age, sex
 698 Model 2: Adjusted for all the predictors as in Model 1, plus number of children (and, for childcare, proximity to children)
 699 Model 3: Adjusted for all the predictors as in Model 2, plus labour force status
 700 Model 4: Adjusted for all the predictors as in Model 2, plus assets/net worth
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705 **Supplementary Table 4.** Associations between parental polygenic score and parenting, before (Model 1) and after (Model 2)
 706 adjusting for parental educational attainment.

	ALSPAC		E-Risk	
	Model 1*	Model 2^	Model 1	Model 2
Prenatal	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Cigarette smoking	0.76 [0.72; 0.80]	0.91 [0.85; 0.97]	0.85 [0.75; 0.97]	0.96 [0.84; 1.11]
Heavy drinking	0.86 [0.82; 0.91]	0.93 [0.87; 0.98]	-	-
Infancy	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Breastfeeding	1.11 [1.08; 1.14]	1.03 [1.00; 1.07]	1.24 [1.13; 1.37]	1.12 [1.01; 1.24]
Childhood	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)
Cognitive stimulation	0.22 [0.20; 0.25]	0.08 [0.05; 0.10]	0.26 [0.20; 0.32]	0.09 [0.04; 0.15]
Warmth, sensitivity	-0.01 [-0.04; 0.02]	0.00 [-0.04; 0.03]	0.17 [0.11; 0.24]	0.07 [0.01; 0.14]
Household chaos	0.22 [0.19; 0.24]	0.09 [0.25; 0.30]	0.18 [0.11; 0.24]	0.04 [-0.02; 0.10]
Health-parenting	0.30 [0.27; 0.32]	0.14 [0.11; 0.17]	0.21 [0.14; 0.27]	0.07 [0.00; 0.13]
School support	0.20 [0.18; 0.23]	0.08 [0.05; 0.11]	-	-
Adolescence	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)
Monitoring	-0.02 [-0.05; 0.02]	-0.05 [-0.08; -0.01]	0.11 [0.04; 0.17]	0.03 [-0.03; 0.10]
	HRS		WLS	
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2
Adulthood	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Financial support	1.10 [1.08; 1.12]	1.04 [1.02; 1.06]	1.07 [1.04; 1.09]	1.01 [0.98; 1.04]
Childcare support	1.04 [1.01; 1.06]	1.01 [0.99; 1.04]	1.11 [1.07; 1.15]	1.08 [1.04; 1.12]
Inheritance	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
	0.11 [0.10; 0.12]	0.04 [0.03; 0.06]	1.00 [0.98; 1.02]	1.01 [0.99; 1.03]

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	Dunedin		MCS	
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2
Prenatal	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Cigarette smoking	-	-	0.75 [0.71; 0.80]	0.93 [0.88; 0.99]
Alcohol drinking	-	-	0.97 [0.83; 1.12]	1.08 [0.91; 1.28]
Infancy	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)	RR (95%CI)
Breastfeeding	-	-	1.12 [1.10; 1.14]	1.05 [1.03; 1.07]
Childhood	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)
Cognitive stimulation	0.11 [0.01; 0.22]	0.00 [-0.10; 0.10]	0.16 [0.13; 0.19]	0.07 [0.04; 0.11]
Warmth, sensitivity	0.15 [0.05; 0.26]	0.05 [-0.05; 0.15]	0.09 [0.05; 0.12]	0.03 [-0.01; 0.06]
Household chaos	-	-	0.14 [0.11; 0.17]	0.06 [0.02; 0.09]
Health-parenting	-	-	0.21 [0.18; 0.24]	0.08 [0.05; 0.11]
School support	-	-	0.09 [0.06; 0.12]	0.02 [-0.01; 0.06]
Adolescence	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)	β (95%CI)
Monitoring	-	-	0.09 [0.05; 0.12]	0.04 [0.01; 0.08]

709 *Note:* ALSPAC=Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children; E-Risk=Environmental Risk Longitudinal Twin Study;
710 MCS=Millennium Cohort Study; HRS=Health and Retirement Study; WLS=Wisconsin Longitudinal Study. RR=Relative Risk;
711 β =Standardized regression coefficient; CI=Confidence interval. Note, the N in these analyses was restricted to every parent who had
712 valid data for polygenic score and parenting, as well as for educational attainment, so Ns (and estimates) may differ slightly from
713 those in the main analyses.

714 * Model 1: Unadjusted for education (predictors are polygenic score, sex, and for WLS and HRS, age, wave/year, sex, number of
715 children, physical proximity, labor force status and net worth/assets), these estimates might at times differ very slightly from those
716 reported in the main manuscript, because some individuals included in the main analyses had available data for educational
717 attainment.

718 ^ Model 2: Adjusted for parental education (i.e. parental educational attainment is added to Model 1 as a predictor).

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